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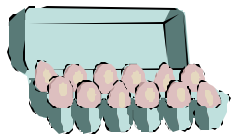
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Large sizes were mostly unchanged to lower in the Midwest. Otherwise, prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged to lower. The market tone ranged steady to weak. Demand was usually light and features were limited. Supplies continued more than adequate to ample. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient and demand for eggs beyond current commitments was light. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Light type hens were fully adequate to instances short for current processing needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Demand was light to fair with limited feature activity reported for the upcoming week. Supplies were adequate to available with larger sizes remaining in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings from regular commitments were at least adequate for the light demand. Light type hens were short to adequate for current processing schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was about steady. Retail demand remained light with limited feature activity. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate with larger sizes in the longest position.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 2 cents lower for large and were unchanged for the balance. Prices in other areas were unchanged. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to fair. Food service movement was moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies were generally adequate for current needs. Central states nest run breaking stock prices continued unchanged. Most breakers were working from regular commitments and company owned production and were not seeking additional product at this time. Graded shell eggs continued to be offered into breaking channels. Floor stocks were adequate to at times fully adequate. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady.

CHICAGO Extra large and large prices 2 cents lower, mediums unchanged. Trade sentiment about steady. Retail and distributive demand irregular, light to occasionally good where upcoming features are a factor. Supplies adequate or available.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were irregular, but generally unchanged to lower. Demand was light to good, mostly moderate. Supplies were at least adequate. Breaking stock supplies were more than adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was unaggressive. Offerings of light type fowl were adequate for current requirements.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. Asking prices for next week throughout the region were 5 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large; unchanged on medium and small. The market tone, however, was much improved as a possible new export order caused offerings to be held with renewed confidence. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings much lighter.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| NORTHEAST CITIES | EXTRA LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|------------------|-------------|-------|--------|
| Boston (Brown) | 101-103 | 97-99 | 62-65 |
| New York | 76-78 | 73-76 | 52-55 |
| Philadelphia | 74-79 | 72-77 | 51-52 |

SOUTHERN CITIES

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Atlanta (1) (2) | 72-73 | 70.5-72 | 43-44 |
| Jackson (1) | 81-82 | 79-80 | 52-53 |
| Major Louisiana Cities (1) | 78-92 | 76-90 | 49-63 |

MIDWEST CITIES

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Chicago | 63-68 | 62-67 | 44-49 |
| Detroit (2) | 65-68 | 64-67 | 40-43 |
| Major Ohio Cities (2) | 66-72 | 65-70 | 41-47 |
| Major Wisconsin Cities | 69-75 | 67-74 | 44-51 |

WESTERN CITIES

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Houston (1) | 86-89 | 82-84 | 57-59 |
| Southern California(Grade AA)(4) | 90-102 | 87-94 | 66-72 |
| California (Grade AA) (1) (3) | 106 | 97 | 76 |

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices
(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. While asking prices for next week were 5 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large and unchanged on medium and small, talk of a possible new export order eliminated spot discounts and caused sellers to hold offerings with renewed confidence. Retailer demand just fair. Offerings much lighter. Small invoice price 56. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 2 for 237; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 119, extra large dozen 87-109, large dozen 99.

CALIFORNIA

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| JUMBO | 124 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 106 |
| LARGE | 97 |
| MEDIUM | 76 |

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|---------|
| JUMBO | 111-121 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 90-102 |
| LARGE | 87-94 |
| MEDIUM | 66-72 |

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|---------|
| JUMBO | 229-289 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 219-259 |
| LARGE | 169-209 |
| MEDIUM | 159-199 |

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices continued unchanged. Demand was mostly light with offerings usually adequate for current needs. Most breakers were working from regular commitments and company owned production and were not seeking additional heavy nest runs at this time. Graded shell eggs continue to be offered into breaking channels. Floor stocks adequate to instances fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| NEST RUN | 40-45 | 43-45 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 28-31 | |

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged compared to earlier in the week and trading was light. Supplies were at least adequate to cover regular commitments. Demand was usually light. The market tone was no better than steady.

Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending August 19, 2000 were 3 percent less than last week and 15 percent less than the same week last year.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|----------------------|-------|
| NEST RUN | 42-46 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 27-32 |

EASTERN REGION AREA:

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -

WEEK ENDING -19-Aug-00

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

| | CASES BROKEN | LIQUID WHOLE | LIQUID WHITE | LIQUID YOLK | DRIED INEDIBLE | |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
| CW | 1,161,730 | 25,439 | 11,918 | 6,568 | 2,788 | 3,971 |
| PW | 1,175,917 | 26,283 | 12,163 | 6,639 | 2,819 | 4,022 |
| LY | 1,191,186 | 27,384 | 11,734 | 6,135 | 2,525 | 3,778 |
| % PW | -1 | -3 | -2 | -1 | -1 | -1 |
| % LY | -2 | -7 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 5 |
| 2000 | 38,436,193 | 867,133 | 387,989 | 208,914 | 96,346 | 127,561 |
| 1999 | 36,123,456 | 831,027 | 347,562 | 189,729 | 85,727 | 113,871 |

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

| CURRENT WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK | LAST YEAR |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| 41.23 | 41.76 | 41.16 |

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS Pasteurized whites reported at 27.5 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk reported at 58 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady for all liquid products. Demand was reported as mostly quiet and centered on regular commitments. Offerings were about adequate to adequate for whole egg and adequate for whites and yolk. Offerings for next week were seen as more available with asking prices on yolk holding in a range from unchanged to higher than the current week. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 25 August, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

| CLASS | LOADS | RANGE | WTD. AVG. | CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK |
|--------|-------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|
| WHOLE | 16 | 36-38 | 36.75 | -.25 |
| WHITES | 16 | 23-27.5 | 25.84 | -.27 |
| YOLKS | 9 | 52-54 | 53.00 | .95 |

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Prices were generally higher on all products, however whites were only slightly higher compared to last week. Demand had slowed this week and ranged light to good. Yolks continued to receive the best interest. Supplies were mostly adequate. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on yolks and steady to occasionally fully steady on the balance. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending August 19, 2000 were 8% less than a week ago and 18% less than the same week last year. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

| | TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.) | | LTL |
|--|---------------------------|--------|-------|
| | RANGE | MOSTLY | RANGE |
| WHOLE | 45-52 | 48-50 | 49-55 |
| BLENDS (/) | TFEWR | | 60-70 |
| WHITES | 37-40 | | 44-54 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 60-65 | 61-63 | 60-65 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 58-65 | 59-61 | 60-65 |
| (/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS. | | | |

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Prices were unchanged to higher for all frozen products with the exception of whites which were unchanged from previously reported prices. Trade sentiment was generally steady for whole egg and whites and steady to fully steady for yolk. Demand was generally quiet as most processors worked to fill regular commitments and buyers were usually purchasing for immediate needs only. Premiums asked last week for frozen yolk had started to fade with most sellers attempting to hold firm for the current quoted price range. Offerings were adequate for needs with salt yolk reported as adequate to instances tight.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

| | TRUCKLOTS | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
| WHOLE | 46-52 | 48-49 |
| WHITES | 36-39 | 37-39 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 60-64 | 60-62 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 59-65 | 59-61 |

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged on whole and whites, 1 cent higher on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 8/19 was 14% more than the previous week.

Breaking stock offerings adequate. Frozen demand moderate and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

| | RANGE |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| WHOLE | 53-56 |
| WHITES | 41-44 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 65-68 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 63-66 |

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Whole and albumen price ranges were unchanged. Yolk and blend price ranges were higher with majority trading unchanged. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate. The market tone was about steady. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending August 19, 2000 were 1% less than last week and 10% more than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| WHOLE | 1.55-1.75 | MOSTLY 1.65-1.70 |
| YOLKS | 1.20-1.35 | MOSTLY 1.20-1.25 |
| ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED | 2.90-3.15 | MOSTLY 2.90 |
| BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER) | 1.25-1.35 | MOSTLY 1.25-1.30 |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 18, 2000-AUG 24, 2000

| CURRENT LOADS 96.25 | | | | | | | | FUTURE LOADS 38.25 | | | | | | | | TOTAL LOADS 134.50 | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-----|-------|-------|--------------------|-----|-------|-------|-----------|-----|-------|-------|--------------------|-----|-------|-------|-----------|-----|-------|-------|
| SE | | | | NE | | | | MW | | | | SC | | | | NW | | | | SW | | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | LOADS |
| GNR W 1 | 52.00 | 52.00 | 13.00 | GNR W 1 | — | 51.33 | 3.00 | GNR W 1 | — | 51.33 | 3.00 | GNR W 1 | — | 51.33 | 3.00 | GNR W 1 | — | 51.33 | 3.00 | GNR W 1 | — | 51.33 | 3.00 |
| GNR W 2 | — | — | 7.00 | GNR W 2 | — | — | .50 | GNR W 2 | — | — | .50 | GNR W 2 | — | — | .50 | GNR W 2 | — | — | .50 | GNR W 2 | — | — | .50 |
| GNR W 3 | 43.50 | — | 7.50 | GNR W 3 | — | 37.00 | .50 | GNR W 3 | — | 37.00 | .50 | GNR W 3 | — | 37.00 | .50 | GNR W 3 | — | 37.00 | .50 | GNR W 3 | — | 37.00 | .50 |
| GNR W 4 | — | — | 3.00 | GNR W 4 | — | — | .25 | GNR W 4 | — | — | .25 | GNR W 4 | — | — | .25 | GNR W 4 | — | — | .25 | GNR W 4 | — | — | .25 |
| GNR BR 1 | — | — | 1.00 | GNR BR 1 | — | — | 1.00 | GNR BR 1 | — | — | 1.00 | GNR BR 1 | — | — | 1.00 | GNR BR 1 | — | — | 1.00 | GNR BR 1 | — | — | 1.00 |
| GNR BR 2 | — | — | 2.00 | GNR BR 2 | — | — | 2.00 | GNR BR 2 | — | — | 2.00 | GNR BR 2 | — | — | 2.00 | GNR BR 2 | — | — | 2.00 | GNR BR 2 | — | — | 2.00 |
| GL W J | — | — | .25 | GL W J | — | — | .25 | GL W J | — | — | .25 | GL W J | — | — | .25 | GL W J | — | — | .25 | GL W J | — | — | .25 |
| GL W XL | 53.00 | 57.67 | 15.75 | GL W XL | — | 54.33 | 11.75 | GL W XL | — | 54.33 | 11.75 | GL W XL | — | 54.33 | 11.75 | GL W XL | — | 54.33 | 11.75 | GL W XL | — | 54.33 | 11.75 |
| GL W LG | — | 54.00 | 19.00 | GL W LG | — | 55.63 | 17.00 | GL W LG | — | 55.63 | 17.00 | GL W LG | — | 55.63 | 17.00 | GL W LG | — | 55.63 | 17.00 | GL W LG | — | 55.63 | 17.00 |
| GL W MD | 25.50 | 32.00 | 12.00 | GL W MD | — | 29.88 | 5.00 | GL W MD | — | 29.88 | 5.00 | GL W MD | — | 29.88 | 5.00 | GL W MD | — | 29.88 | 5.00 | GL W MD | — | 29.88 | 5.00 |
| GL W SM | 21.00 | — | 5.25 | GL W SM | — | 18.53 | 3.00 | GL W SM | — | 18.53 | 3.00 | GL W SM | — | 18.53 | 3.00 | GL W SM | — | 18.53 | 3.00 | GL W SM | — | 18.53 | 3.00 |
| NRBS - 50 | — | — | 6.50 | NRBS - 50 | — | 37.17 | 6.50 | NRBS - 50 | — | 37.17 | 6.50 | NRBS - 50 | — | 37.17 | 6.50 | NRBS - 50 | — | 37.17 | 6.50 | NRBS - 50 | — | 37.17 | 6.50 |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | 6.00 | NRBS - 48 | — | — | 6.00 | NRBS - 48 | — | — | 6.00 | NRBS - 48 | — | — | 6.00 | NRBS - 48 | — | — | 6.00 | NRBS - 48 | — | — | 6.00 |
| NRBS - 45 | — | — | 1.25 | NRBS - 45 | — | — | 1.25 | NRBS - 45 | — | — | 1.25 | NRBS - 45 | — | — | 1.25 | NRBS - 45 | — | — | 1.25 | NRBS - 45 | — | — | 1.25 |
| NRBS - 42 | — | — | .75 | NRBS - 42 | — | — | .75 | NRBS - 42 | — | — | .75 | NRBS - 42 | — | — | .75 | NRBS - 42 | — | — | .75 | NRBS - 42 | — | — | .75 |
| NRBS - 39 | — | 30.00 | 6.00 | NRBS - 39 | — | — | 6.00 | NRBS - 39 | — | — | 6.00 | NRBS - 39 | — | — | 6.00 | NRBS - 39 | — | — | 6.00 | NRBS - 39 | — | — | 6.00 |

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Supplies were occasionally short to adequate for processors needs. Demand was light and unaggressive as finished product sales were slow. Processing schedules for next week were short to about normal. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent leghorn fowl. Finished sales were slightly improved as seasonal confidence and kills moved in normal mode. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate to mostly fully adequate for processor needs. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants generally worked desired schedules. Offerings remained spotty.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

| <u>LIGHT</u> | <u>RANGE</u> | <u>MAJORITY</u> |
|--|--------------|-----------------|
| Eastern Light | 0-0 | (1) |
| Eastern Light | 0-0 | (2) |
| So. Central Light | TFEWR | (2) |
| No. Central Light | TFEWR | (1) |
| No. Central Light | 0-.25 | (2) |
| (1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading | | 0 |
| (TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 25-AUG-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| REGIONS | EX LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|---|----------|-------|--------|
| NORTHEAST | 78.03 | 75.66 | 53.01 |
| SOUTHERN | 78.14 | 76.22 | 48.69 |
| MIDWEST | 68.62 | 67.44 | 44.79 |
| WESTERN | 98.45 | 91.85 | 70.10 |
| TWELVE METRO AREAS | 83.23 | 79.61 | 56.98 |
| COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS | | | |

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were again some what irregular, but generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were fully sufficient but clearing at most locations. Demand was light to moderate. Most traders were viewing markets as steady at the prevailing price levels.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

21-25 MAJORITY 25 25-27.5 MAJORITY 26.5-27.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

23.5-25 MAJORITY 25 26.75-28.5 MAJORITY 27-28

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 19-AUG-00

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

| (THOUSANDS) | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| HEAD | 1,815 | 1,526 | 3,341 |
| LAST WEEK | 1,964 | 1,749 | 3,713 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 1,952 | 1,564 | 3,516 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 64,400 | 47,447 | 111,847 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 70,830 | 45,199 | 116,029 |

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

| (THOUSANDS) | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| HEAD | 400 | 32 | 432 |
| LAST WEEK | 360 | 22 | 382 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 354 | 0 | 354 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 15,831 | 197 | 16,028 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 15,867 | 199 | 16,066 |

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

| (THOUSANDS) | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| HEAD | 2,215 | 1,558 | 3,773 |
| LAST WEEK | 2,324 | 1,771 | 4,095 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 2,306 | 1,564 | 3,870 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 80,231 | 47,644 | 127,875 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 86,697 | 45,398 | 132,095 |

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

| Week Ending Aug 12, 2000 | | Year-To-Date | |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------|-------|
| 2000 | 1999 /1 | 2000 | 1999 |
| Liquid | 192 | 100 | 4,216 |
| Frozen | 0 | 0 | 126 |
| Dried | 0 | 0 | 340 |
| Total | 192 | 100 | 4,682 |

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

| Week Ending Aug 12, 2000 | | Year-To-Date | |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------|-------|
| 2000 | 1999 /1 | 2000 | 1999 |
| Liquid | 108 | 62 | 3,756 |
| Frozen | 31 | 3 | 508 |
| Dried | 11 | 0 | 654 |
| Total | 150 | 65 | 4,918 |

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

| Week Ending Aug 12, 2000 | | Year-To-Date | |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| 2000 | 1999 /1 | 2000 | 1999 |
| Jumbo | 80 | 66 | 1,181 |
| Extra Large | 1,180 | 1,739 | 30,934 |
| Large | 3,190 | 3,140 | 89,137 |
| Medium | 1,050 | 555 | 22,434 |
| Ungraded | 17,040 | 16,272 | 205,984 |
| Misc | 0 | 750 | 7,887 |
| Total | 22,540 | 22,522 | 357,557 |

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

| JUMBO | EX LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|-------|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| 73-76 | 64-70 | 62-67 | 38-43 | 22-26 |

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS). CENTS PER DOZEN

| LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|-------|--------|-------|
| 42-44 | 24-26 | 10-12 |

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

| JUMBO | EXTRA LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|-------------|-------|--------|-------|
| 119-122 | 82-85 | 78-81 | 43-46 | 15-18 |

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, AUGUST 22, 2000. PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

| | EXTRA LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|----------------------|-------------|---------|--------|-------|
| MAINE | 115 | 111 | 76 | 48 |
| MOSTLY | - | - | - | - |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 104-109 | 103-107 | 69-73 | 41-45 |
| MOSTLY | 106-107 | 105-106 | 71-72 | 43-44 |
| RHODE ISLAND | 111-115 | 107-111 | 72-76 | 44-48 |
| MOSTLY | 111 | 107 | 72 | 44 |
| VERMONT | 115-118 | 112-114 | 79 | - |
| MOSTLY | 118 | 114 | - | - |

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

| | FREGS | TURKS | POP |
|--------------|-------|---------|---------|
| | LBS | LBS | LBS |
| AM 21-Aug-00 | 4,041 | 171,859 | 80,393 |
| AM 1-Aug-00 | 3,836 | 163,317 | 91,580 |
| CHG | 205 | 8,542 | -11,187 |
| PCT CHG | 5 | 5 | -12 |

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 19-Aug-00

| SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS | CW THOUSANDS | PW | PCT CHG PW | LY |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------|------------|-----|
| ATLANTA | 22.5 | 21.6 | 4 | -28 |
| BOSTON | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3 | -15 |
| CHICAGO | 42.2 | 54.0 | -22 | -13 |
| DETROIT | 23.9 | 33.8 | -29 | -5 |
| KANSAS CITY | 5.4 | 4.0 | 35 | 74 |
| LOS ANGELES | 104.6 | 109.2 | -4 | 16 |
| NEW ORLEANS | 10.2 | 10.0 | 2 | -16 |
| NEW YORK | 33.8 | 31.1 | 9 | -18 |
| ST. LOUIS | 17.0 | 13.8 | 23 | 33 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 20.8 | 21.4 | -3 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 284.4 | 302.8 | -6 | -2 |
| 4 WK MVG AVG | 283.9 | | | |

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 19-Aug-00

| (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS) | | PERCENT CHANGE FROM | |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| REGIONS | CASES (IN THOUS) | PREVIOUS WEEK | LAST YEAR |
| N. ATLANTIC | 210.0 | -3 | -5 |
| E.N. CENTRAL | 511.2 | 1 | 15 |
| W.N. CENTRAL | 255.0 | 0 | 12 |
| S. ATLANTIC | 184.4 | -7 | 0 |
| S. CENTRAL | 75.8 | 0 | -2 |
| WEST | 187.9 | -8 | -22 |
| TOTAL | 1424.3 | -2 | 2 |
| MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING | | 92 | 92 |

CHICKENS AND EGGS - JULY EGG PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT

U.S. egg production totaled 7.06 billion during July 2000, up 2 percent from the 6.90 billion produced in 1999. Production included 5.95 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 65.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2000 averaged 326 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during July 1999. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,167 eggs, up slightly from 2,158 eggs in July 1999.

July 2000 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays and five Saturdays in July 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 2000, totaled 326 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 326 million layers consisted of 267 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.77 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2000, averaged 70.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 69.2 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.63 billion eggs during July, up 2 percent from July 1999. The average number of layers during July, at 306 million, was up 2 percent from a year earlier.

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